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## News Notes

**“Wings Over The Pacific” Open House** — The 2009 Hickam AFB Open House will be held Sep. 19 and 20. The USAF Thunderbirds will perform at this year’s event. Reminders:

- All base residents walking to the show must utilize one of the two crosswalks on O’Malley Blvd.
- The Main Gate will be utilized for Open House entry only from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Personnel entering the base and not desiring to attend the Open House must utilize Kuntz Gate or Halehaka Gate from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Halehaka Gate is off of Nimitz Hwy. where Vandenburg turns into Kamila. Take a right on Main St. where Nimitz Elementary is located, and the Halehaka Gate is the first left. For information, contact Lt. Col. Scott Weber at scott.weber@hickam.af.mil.

**POW/MIA Ceremony** — The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command will commemorate the National POW/MIA Recognition Day with a ceremony at 10 a.m., Sept. 18, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific [Punchbowl] to honor prisoners of war and fallen U.S. personnel whose identities remain unknown. Contact Army Maj. Ramon Osorio at (808) 448-1934 for questions. R.S.V.P.s are not required.

**Hickam Community Housing, Parking Restrictions** — To ensure access for emergency vehicles during the Air Show, “No Parking” will be enforced on both sides of Halehaka Street on Sep. 19 and 20. HCH Residents living on Halehaka Street may park in their driveways. Cars parked illegally will be towed to ensure safe access by emergency vehicles POC: Hickam Community Housing, 423-2300.

**Military Clothing Store expands hours** — Operational hours for the Air Force Military Clothing and Sales Store on Hickam AFB are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.–7 p.m. Now the store also is open on Sundays, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

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**Lt. Col. Brian Buck stands next to Mrs. William Mason and salutes her husband, Col. William Henderson Mason, as his casket is being loaded onto a flight from Hawaii to Atlanta on its way to Arlington National Cemetery.**

# On the shoulders of giants

By Lt. Col. Brian Buck

Director, Communications and Information  
Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC)

Today seems like a blur ... I knew it would.

Today we celebrated the life and times of Colonel William Henderson Mason, an American hero. Today America laid a hero to rest. Today I mourned.

I woke up at 0430 today, unable to find my way back to sleep. Perhaps in anticipation of the events to come, perhaps from the monumental jet lag of being off 13 time zones from where I was last week this time. I took the opportunity to go and have breakfast downstairs with the Mason family. Over the past few days they’ve

made me feel like welcome family, and I cherish that feeling. After breakfast I adjourned to my room to change into my full service dress uniform.

We met in the hotel lobby at a few minutes before 0800 to all ride the bus to Arlington Cemetery. It was a gorgeous day outside. We made it to the Old Post Chapel at Ft Myer (the Army Post directly adjacent to Arlington) in what seemed like no time.

I ushered Mrs. Mason into the chapel so she could meet with the staff there and meet General Hepburn (there’s a tradition that returned remains from previous wars merit a General Officer to present the American flag to the family). I got the opportunity to share the story of my involvement

with him and he remarked at the serendipity of it all. We then got seated in the chapel for the services.

Chaplain Captain Swaine recounted the life and times of Colonel Mason, spoke of his dedication to duty and of his ultimate sacrifice and that of his crew. He read the eulogy which was penned by Colonel Mason’s daughter who couldn’t be here today for the services. She told of how she looked up to her father and shared all of the things that he had taught her in their brief decade and a half together. The services concluded with “A

Mighty Fortress is our God.”

From that point Colonel Mason was taken forth to the front of the chapel and brought out to a horse drawn caisson for his final journey. It was a sight to behold. The funeral escort was full honors, a 21-person ceremonial brass band, a four-man color guard bearing the American Flag and the Air Force Colors, a troop escort of 16 riflemen, eight pallbearers, a troop to bear the POW/MIA

flag and the Army four-person team managing the horses for the processional. This was in addition to the Chaplain, the General and his

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# Osan air squadron aids helicopter swap

by Master Sgt. Paul Kilgallon  
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OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea (AFNS) — Airmen from the 731st Air Mobility Squadron and Soldiers from the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade worked side by side on the Osan Air Base flight-line Sept. 9 when a C-17 Globemaster III arrived with three new AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopters.

They are the first of 24 new upgraded Block II helicopters the 2nd CAB ordered to modernize their fleet.

“The two big changes these new helicopters have compared to the Block I’s are enhanced night vision and engine upgrades,” said Paul Bush, an aviation analyst assigned with the 2nd CAB. “These upgrades will increase target acquisition for the pilot, and bring a more reliable system that will reduce maintenance times and repair costs.”

Bush also said the new Block II helicopters have upgrades to the digital communications, enhancements to the cockpit and other additions that are designed to aid in target identification and tracking.

Army officials estimate that more than 700 Apaches helicopters will be equipped with these new upgrades by 2011, he added.

After unloading the new Block II helicopters, the Airmen and Soldiers then loaded three of the



**Three older AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopters sit on the flight line Sept. 9 at Osan Air Base, South Korea. These helicopters are the first of 24 that Army officials are swapping for newer Block II models over the next four months.**

older Block I helicopters onto the C-17, completing the first of several swap outs.

Airmen at the 731st AMS are used to seeing and handling different types of equipment transported by cargo aircraft, but Senior Airman Isaiah Patrick said this was his first time seeing something like this here.

“I was a little surprised because (the Apaches) are really large helicopters in comparison the type of cargo we see here at the port on a daily basis,” Airman Patrick said. “When we load C-17 aircraft, we normally just load pallets that are

about 60 inches high. But when loading these helicopters on the airplane, every inch of cargo space was utilized to its fullest capacity. This experience really gave a new perspective of C-17’s capabilities.”

Bush praised the efforts of the Airmen in swapping the helicopters. “The level of support from the Air Force was just fantastic,” he said. “These missions couldn’t happen without both services working together, and we appreciate their help in bringing these assets into the theater.”

Airmen from the 731st AMS

also felt the mission was beneficial and rewarding. “It was a great experience and a good opportunity for us to work with our sister service,” said Tech. Sgt. Michael Gomes, the 731st AMS Ramp Services Operations manager. “By helping the 2nd CAB accomplish their mission, it let us see just how effective Air Mobility Command’s global reach really is.”

The remaining Apache AH-64 Block II helicopters will be airlifted from Fort Hood, Texas, aboard Air Mobility Command aircraft for the next several months until the transition is complete.



# Wings Over The Pacific Bus & Shuttle Routes

The following Hickam bus and shuttle routes will be in place during the “Wings Over The Pacific” Open House on Sep. 19 and 20 at Hickam AFB, featuring aerial demonstrations by the USAF Thunderbirds. Gates open at 10 a.m.

### Unauthorized items:

- Coolers (includes cold/hot storage containers)
- Backpacks/duffle bags
- Large camera bags (larger than 8” x 8”)
- Chairs
- Glass (exception: baby formula/food jars

- are allowed)
- All weapons, including pocket knives
- Alcohol
- Camel backs
- Drugs (prescription medication authorized)
- Skateboards, rollerblades, bicycles, etc.

Please contact 449-9710 with any questions/concerns.

### Safety Tips:

- Wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes suitable for walking and touring aircraft
- Plan ahead and drink alcohol responsibly
- Protect yourself and your family from the sun; bring ample amounts of sun-screen and cover your head
- Stay hydrated by drinking water before and during the air show
- Bring hearing protection for use during the flying portion of the air show

Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the flightline ramp areas.  
For more information, visit [www.hafb2009openhouse.com](http://www.hafb2009openhouse.com) or <http://thunderbirds.airforce.com/>

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## DIAMOND TIPS

### Communication is key to Airpower!

“My supervisor is deployed, and I need some assistance ... who should I turn to?”  
All too often, Airmen caught in this situation may feel that they have no one to turn to when their supervisor is deployed. This situation can also occur when a supervisor works on a different shift.  
As Air Force leaders, it’s our responsibility to ensure all Airmen are taken care of, even if they’re not our ratee. Remember, taking care of the mission does not end when we leave work each day. Taking care of the mission means taking care of our Airmen, whether on or off-duty, mission or personal issue.  
It’s equally important for us as Airmen to notify our leadership of issues, or issues that could develop into larger problems. It’s much easier to solve a problem before it gets too big to handle, and your career is at stake.  
When we communicate throughout our chain of command, problems are addressed at the lowest level, and our force is better able to complete the mission.  
Leaders, take care of your Airmen. Airmen, communicate with your leaders!

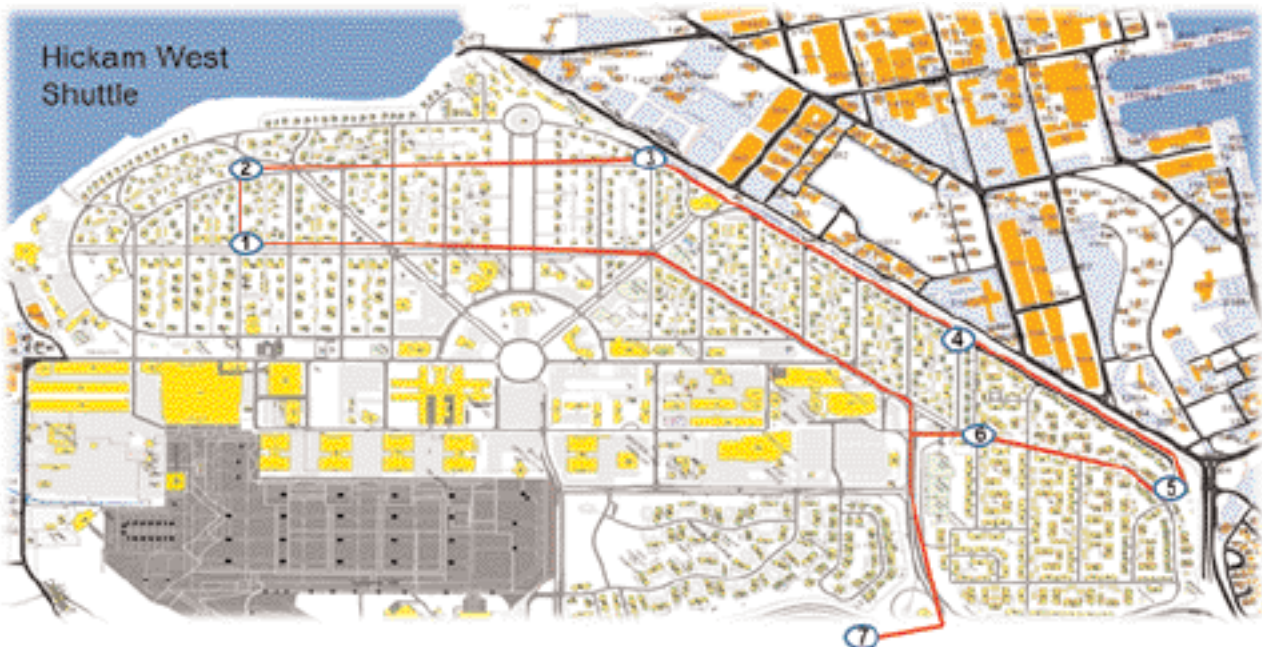
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**Kukini:** Meaning swift and valued messenger, the Kukini in ancient times took news from one Hawaiian leader to another.



### Hickam West Bus Stops

1. 401A Signor

2. Moore/Monthan St

3. Porter/Beard

4. 17<sup>th</sup> St/Porter
5. Porter/Fox

6. 18<sup>th</sup> St/Fox

7. Drop off 2115 (23 Row)



Shuttle pickup points will be at the end of the parking rows once established.



### Hickam East Shuttle

- 1.Liliwai st/Honohono St

2.CDC

3.Halehaka/ Ohana nui Cir
4. Arizona Hall Handicap Parking

5. Nehe St Ohan nui Cir

6. Handicap Parking (1815)

7. 2115 (23 Row)



# Equality Day: celebrating women and their right to vote

by Debra Straight, 15th Airlift Wing Deputy Inspector General  
Hickam Federal Women’s Program Historian

The Hickam Federal Women’s Program sponsored a Women’s Equality Day Brown Bag Luncheon Aug. 26 at the Nelles Chapel Annex. Women’s Equality Day commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. The focus of the presentation, “Overcoming Obstacles — a female’s perspective,” shared a collective vision on how to address obstacles women’s lives, and to effectively “make the change.”

Senior Master Sgt. Vanessa Smallsbryant, 15th Airlift Wing Professional Military Education Center director of education, was the emcee for the event, and she also relayed some personal experiences where her biggest obstacle was herself. Yet, with faith, she persevered, overcame and prospered, and now serves as an educator.

Major Kristin Carlson, 15th Medical Operations Squadron medical services flight commander, knows that obstacles can come from a variety of sources. She shared that as a member of the armed services, her obstacles — or, as she called them, “learning opportunities” — were lack of experience, balancing service and family commitments, and leadership versus command issues. She suggested we all consider our individual obstacles as chances to make “deliberate decisions.”



Courtesy photo

**Senior Master Sgt. Vanessa Smallsbryant speaks during Women’s Equality Day on Aug. 26. Women’s Equality Day commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Ammendment granting women the right to vote.**

“There is no secret to overcoming obstacles,” said Hawaii National Guard Command Chief Master Sgt. Denise Jelinski-Hall. “Everyone handles obstacles differently. But overcoming obstacles does require support, and you should not be afraid to

ask for it. There are ways around obstacles — over, under, around or through them. There are tools and resources to assist you. Allow yourself to be great. Don’t let failure be an option.”

15th AW Command Chief Master Sgt. Craig Recker agreed that “those obstacles faced by our guest speakers mirror many of the challenges we all face.”

In his closing remarks, Col. Sam Barrett, 15th AW vice commander, said, “The event was a fitting tribute to the talented and dedicated women serving in Air Force Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, civilian and family member roles. The gathering recognized strong women fighting to overcome challenges and achieve success ... how blessed we are to live in a nation that freely embraces and encourages leadership opportunity and success for all.

“Because of this, so many talented women thrive as leaders, mentors and patriots under the freedoms enjoyed in our United States of America.”

The FWP’s primary purpose is to improve the status of women in the federal government. All interested individuals are invited to attend meetings and get involved. For more information, call FWP President Dinah Sanchez at 449-0357.



**Theft of personal property secured**

A civilian reported a theft of personal property from Bldg. 1122, Dive Shop. This case is currently under investigation.

**Theft of personal property unsecured**

A civilian reported a theft of personal property on Ilima

Street. This case is currently under investigation.

**Theft of personal property unsecured**

A civilian reported a theft of personal property from Bldg 1120/Fitness Center. This case is currently under investigation.

**Damage of personal property**

An Active Duty E-6 assigned to 15 CES reported a damage of personal property from Bldg 1805/Mathies Hall. This case is currently under investigation.

**Damage of personal/government property**

A civilian reported a damage of personal/government property from Bldg. 4073/ Kuntz Gate. This case is currently under investigation.

**Damage of government property**

An Active Duty E-6 assigned to PACAF/A4 reported a damage of government property on Kopiko Street. This case is currently under investigation.

**Theft of government property unsecured**

A military family member of an Active Duty E-4 assigned to 15 OG reported a theft of government property from Bldg. 1711/Airman’s Attic. This case is currently under investigation.

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**Dependant detained for shoplifting at BX**

Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives observed a military family member of a Soldier attempting to remove merchandise totaling \$120.98 without rendering payment. The individual will have his or her AAFES privileges revoked for one year and is awaiting a magistrate hearing.

**Civilian detained for shoplifting at BX**

Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives observed a civilian attempting to remove merchandise totaling \$83.60 without rendering payment. The individual will have his or her AAFES privileges revoked and is awaiting a magistrate hearing.

**Citation Total for Sep. 3**

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| 5  | Abandoned Vehicle Notices    |
| 7  | Civilian Traffic citations   |
| 34 | Moving Traffic citations     |
| 2  | Non-Moving Traffic citations |



# Are you the enemy within?

**Story courtesy of Cyber Fusion Center, PACOM**

Every user of a Department of Defense (DoD) computer is a potential enemy within.

Adversaries regularly infiltrate DoD networks and barage our networks with malicious e-mail. This threat has taken on the form of increased phishing and spear phishing attempts. Phishing e-mail messages are designed to steal your identity. They ask for personal data or direct you to Web sites or phone numbers to call where they ask you to provide personal data. They might even appear to be from someone you know.

Spear phishing is a targeted form of phishing in which an e-mail message might look like it comes from your employer, or from a colleague who might send an e-mail message to everyone in the company, such as the head of human resources or IT.

In addition, today’s viruses often appear to be harmless correspondence such as personal notes, jokes or marketing promotions. While many viruses require recipients to download attachments in order to facilitate infection and spread, some are designed to launch automatically, with absolutely no user action required.

The effects of email-borne viruses can be significant. Many can be distributed around the world in just a matter of hours, bringing down critical communication systems, hindering the performance of global networks, and corrupting vital documents. Imagine trying to fight a war

without our computer networks or with networks that we can’t trust to contain accurate information. These techniques have the potential of compromising our networks by infecting them with malicious software. A single user can compromise an entire network with the click of a button.

We cannot allow these attempts to succeed. Just as we do not let people come through the front gate unchecked, we must also check e-mail from unknown or non-credentialed sources.

Below are some practices you can incorporate to ensure you don’t corrupt Air Force networks:

- Do not access imbedded web links and/or attachments from non-verified or unofficial senders (e.g. G-mail, Yahoo and Hotmail accounts). If an e-mail is not digitally signed, indicating a “friendly” sender, validate the source by alternate means such as telephonic or independent messaging.
- Digitally sign all generated e-mail that include imbedded web links or attachments to provide this same assurance to the receiver.
- Report suspected phishing attempt e-mails to your Information Assurance (IA) department.

TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER — While media attention continues to focus on the H1N1 (swine) flu outbreak, doctors and nurses in Hawaii have already started vaccinating people with seasonal influenza vaccine as part of the annual vaccination campaign against the seasonal flu virus.

Like the rest of Hawaii, military medical treatment facilities on Oahu, including Hickam AFB, have received the bulk of their seasonal flu vaccine shipments and are now scheduling vaccinations at various clinic and public sites on Oahu.

At Hickam, the vaccinations will be administered from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. on weekdays, except Wednesday, at the Hickam Clinic. You also can receive the vaccinations from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 24, at the Hickam BX.

“The military services are starting early this year,” said Col. (Dr.) Michael Sigmon, chief of preventive medicine at Tripler Army Medical Center and chair of the Joint Public Health Emergency Working Group, which is coordinating the vaccination efforts of all the military services on Oahu. “Getting vaccinated early for seasonal flu is very important. People won’t have to call in sick or miss school. Vaccinations will also prevent you from catching the flu, or having to stay home to take care of someone else who is sick.”

Sigmon said that the



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**Tech Sgt. Jill Bass (right) of the 15th MDG, NCOIC Allergy/Immunization, prepares to administer the Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV) nasal spray to Staff Sgt. Charonda Love, from the NCOIC Family Practice Clinic, at the 15MDG Immunization Clinic on Sep. 8.**

Department of Defense, like other federal and state agencies, is carefully monitoring the H1N1 outbreak situation and is working on plans in case the virus becomes more dangerous than it has been so

far. While recent studies show that seasonal flu vaccinations don’t protect people from getting sick from the H1N1 virus, they do protect against other types of flu that may return, as the traditional flu season

begins in the next few weeks.

Through the “Stop Flu at School” campaign, Hawaii’s State Health Department is working with public and private schools and civilian and military healthcare providers to administer seasonal flu vaccinations from October through November. Specific dates have been set by participating schools, for kindergarten through eighth grade students. These schools distributed parental consent forms at the start of the school year.

In addition to vaccinations at military medical clinics, Oahu military exchange malls will have walk-up vaccination tables set up during October and November. Vaccinations will also be offered at retiree seminars at Hale Ikena on Fort Shafter on Oct. 17 and at the Fleet Reserve Association event at 891 Valkenburgh Drive, Pearl Harbor on Nov. 7. If possible, bring your immunization record to this event.

For more information, call the Oahu Joint Services Flu Hotline at 433-1FLU (433-1358), see your primary care provider or visit <http://www.tamc.amedd.army.mil/>.



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aide, myself and the Lieutenant leading the ceremonial procession. Over 50 personnel in all paying honor to someone who gave everything because his country needed him.

With the band leading the way and the drums keeping the pace we set off on a one-mile march to section 60 of Arlington. Along the route the band played God Bless America among other songs, mournful, yet uplifting and patriotic.

Once the processional reached section 60, we waited for Colonel Mason to be moved from the caisson to the grave by the pallbearers rendering honors as he was marched past. I joined the family in walking to the grave site. There

were two within 10 feet of each other; obviously another funeral would be taking place at a later hour today. As we were walking the band played “Going Home,” for truly Colonel Mason was now home to rest.

The pall bearers placed the casket on the ground with one hand and with the other they kept the flag elevated so that it didn't reach the ground.

Then up to the left a pair of eagles screamed across the sky towards us. F-15 fighters pierced the silent September morning with their massive engines as they passed directly overhead. You could almost feel their passing in your soul as they shook the very ground.

The Chaplain then offered the comfort of the 23rd Psalm — this is not the end, but only the beginning of the life everlasting.

Then the firing party stationed a hundred yards away took aim at the sky and fired off three volleys in perfect unison. Even knowing the blasts were coming it was hard not to be startled by the thundering report. Directly following the last shot, the bugler sounded out the 24 notes of taps.

The pall bearers who had been holding the flag all this time as still as statues stirred to life as they began folding the flag into a traditional triangle shape. They folded it with razor precision and passed it down the line to General Hepburn. He in turn presented it to

Mrs. Mason on behalf of the President, the Department of the Air Force and a grateful nation.

Mrs. Mason placed a single stem orange rose on the casket and returned to her seat.

The Chaplain then shook Mrs. Mason’s hand and offered condolences to those down the family line. He was followed by General Hepburn.

While they were speaking with the family I silently stepped forward and took off the bracelet I’d been wearing for going on 17 years, which my wife wore three years before she gave it to me. I flattened it out to a flat piece of aluminum, its purpose fulfilled. I dropped to one knee in front of Mrs. Mason and offered her the

bracelet on behalf of Yvonne and myself and all of those who silently wait the return of the missing from Vietnam and other conflicts. I reminded her that Colonel Mason had not been forgotten and that he would always be remembered. We inserted the flattened bracelet into the folded flag for safekeeping.

Mrs. Mason was then presented with a hard wood triangular case to place the flag into. The folding top contained his ribbons, rank and wings. And with that the ceremony was officially over.

As we were departing, in the distance the report of a firing party from another funeral pierced the silent peace of

Arlington ... another hero was off to rest.